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Hey guys,

If possible, I would love to get your review/input on the attached document. It isn't long (only three pages), but it is critical that what we say here is solid and accurate. The attached is the draft rationale (that Allison put together – my minor edits are in red) which provides the basis for our CZARA decision on the Forestry-Riparian issue. It would be great if you all would double check the statements made on the science and flesh out some of the issues with additional science where needed (see the yellow comments). Our goal is to present this final rationale to the NOAA/EPA management team on September 3rd. Assuming their approval of the direction presented in the rationale, I see this as one of the cornerstone decision issues on the State's CNPCP. I know this is an unreasonable request especially since this is short notice and this is a week leading into a holiday weekend, but it would be great if you could provide me your input by the COB on Wednesday.

In addition, I am currently putting together the draft rationale for the landslides issue. We did present an options paper to the management team on this issue. The management team generally supported the staff's recommendation to disapprove based on the lack of management measures for protecting water quality from potentially high risk landslides. The management team identified areas where they wanted additional feedback i.e., how other state programs address landslides, and recommendations for specific actions we could suggest to the state to address this issue. Our goal is to present the final rationale to the management team on the 3rd as well. As soon as I get the rationale drafted, I will share it with you.

And the roads issue – Well, an options paper needs to be presented to management and a rationale paper needs to be finalized on this issue. Using the drafts developed thus far by the roads team, I'll be working to get the options paper and the rationale completed for the management team ASAP. These will be shared with you all as well when they are ready to go.

Of the issues presented in our proposed decision to disapprove the State's CNPCP, these forestry issues are the ones where the CZARA tech team agrees there is solid information/data to move forward with our final CZARA decision. If management agrees on these issues, and the management team and legal teams agree our rationale documents are solid, we will likely see the management team begin briefing upper-upper management on this decision. While the elevation process takes place, staff will be developing the responses to comments document for these issues.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

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